



September, 2004

Dear Colleagues,

Dennis Morrison has been named District Administrator for the Northern Virginia District. Dennis replaces Tom Farley, who retired in July after serving 11 years as district administrator.

The 27-year veteran of VDOT leaves his post of Staunton District administrator where he has served for eight years overseeing the transportation program in the Shenandoah Valley. He also has spent more than 15 years of his career in the urban areas of Richmond and Hampton Roads.

In announcing the appointment on Sept. 15, Commissioner Philip Shucet noted, "VDOT's Northern Virginia District is responsible for the state's largest construction program and Morrison has a solid background in this area. He also has an appreciation for the operational aspects of VDOT that address mobility in one of the nation's most congested areas. He will ensure that the department supports smart investments in roads, transit, rail, airports and various transportation demand management programs."



Dennis C. Morrison

Some of Morrison's major career accomplishments include overseeing the construction of one of Virginia's major toll roads, Richmond's Powhite Parkway, and creating the first rural Intelligent Transportation System (Smart Travel) program in the state, along the I-81 corridor. He served as the assistant state construction engineer for three years in VDOT's Central Office, as assistant resident engineer in Norfolk, and as resident engineer in Central Virginia, overseeing Chesterfield and Powhatan counties. The 54-year-old Virginia Tech graduate has a B.S. in civil engineering and is a native of Martinsville, Virginia. Dennis will be transitioning to his new position over the coming weeks.

In other news, VDOT has entered into negotiations with Fluor Daniel for a comprehensive agreement to improve the Capital Beltway. The Fluor Daniel plan would add four [HOT lanes](#) to 14 miles of the Beltway between Springfield and the Dulles Toll Road. Carpoolers and buses would have free HOT lane access. A schedule is being worked out for negotiations. Should they be successful, a comprehensive agreement would follow. The agreement would set the framework for future decisions on the project, such as design and construction. No improvements can be made to the beltway unless they are part of a federally approved environmental impact study. An independent review of possible improvements to the [Capital Beltway](#) is under way. The environmental study is scheduled for completion by the end of this year.

Two road improvement projects have recently been completed. In Loudoun County, the new bridge over Goose Creek on Shelburne Glebe Road opened on August 1. In Fairfax County, three curves on Pleasant Valley Road between Route 50 and Route 29 have been straightened. The safety improvement project reopened to traffic seven weeks ahead of schedule on Aug. 20.

Sincerely,

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What's New

Six-Year Improvement Program Update Hearings FY 2006-2011

To be held by videoconference originating from Richmond

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

VDOT Northern Virginia District

Fairfax Room

14685 Avion Parkway Chantilly

The Commonwealth Transportation Board is holding public hearings to receive your comments about which essential rail, public transportation, bicycle, pedestrian, and highway projects (except local and secondary roads) should be included in the 2006-2011 Six-Year Plan.

5 to 6 p.m. Informal open forum; comments can be submitted

6 p.m. Formal presentation sessions start

The current [Six-Year Improvement Plan](http://www.virginiadot.org) is available at <http://www.virginiadot.org>

Comments may be sent through Oct. 9 to

Programming Director, VDOT, 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 or

Six-YearProgram@VirginiaDOT.org

Please register at the door; there is no pre-registration.

During the formal session, individuals will have three minutes to speak.

News Releases

[VDOT Enters into Negotiations with Private Sector to Improve I-495](#)

[Shelburne Glebe Road Reopens Aug. 1](#)

[Pleasant Valley Road Opens](#)



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Projects to be Advertised for Construction Bids within the next 12 months

Note: Construction typically begins three to four months after a project is advertised.

Columbia Pike Streetscape improvements from South Wakefield Street to Four Mile Run Drive. Ad date: November 2005.

Duke Street Construct pedestrian bridge near Cameron Station. Ad date: Dec. 2004.

Dulles Toll Road Toll booth modifications from Route 28 to I-495. Ad date: June 2005.

Glebe Road/South Walter Reed Drive Modify signal, crosswalk and improve lighting at intersection. A Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety project. Ad date: Oct. 2004.

Georgetown Pike Traffic calming improvements from Route 7 to Route 123. Ad date: March 2005

Reston Parkway Install an additional left turn lane south of Sunrise Valley Drive. Ad date: June 2005.

Spring Hill Road Widen to four lanes from Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) to International Drive. Ad date: July 2005.

Traffic Cameras Install 25 traffic cameras in Arlington County. Ad date: Sept. 2005.

Fairfax and Arlington County Projects Under Construction

Burke Lake Road Widen from two to four lanes from Lee Chapel Road to the Fairfax County Parkway (1.2 miles). Completed fall 2005. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=116>)

Dulles Toll Road Modify Smart Tag lanes at both Route 28 and the Main Toll Plaza. This will include upgrading toll collection equipment and signage for Smart Tag lanes. The existing Smart Tag lane at Route 28 North will be improved to an open toll lane. Completion, June 2005.

Dulles Toll Road/Capital Beltway Widening ramps from one to two lanes both to and from the Capital Beltway. Completion, Sept. 2005.

Gambrill Road Construct a 225-space park-and-ride lot. Began, May 2004. Completion, June 2005.

Interstate 395 Enhance signage from Washington Boulevard to the District of Columbia line. Begins, Oct. 2004.

Lorton Road Widen from two to six lanes from Route 1 to Silverbrook Road including a new bridge over Pohick Creek (1.06 miles). Began, July, 2004. Completion, Aug. 2006.

Pleasant Valley Road Straighten curves north and south of Braddock Road and north of Martins Hundred Road. Completed Sept. 15, 2004.

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Route 1 Widening from Armistead Road to Telegraph Road (1.2 miles) to include six lanes divided with a trail on the east side and an extra turn lane from Telegraph Road to Armistead Road. Completion, Nov. 2005.

(<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=63>)

Route 28 Improvements Under the Public-Private Partnership Act, The Clark Construction Group, Inc. and Shirley Contracting Company, LLC are designing and constructing six high-capacity interchanges on Route 28 in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Completion, May 2007. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=60>)

Route 123 Widening Phase 3 Widening Route 123 to four lanes divided from North Davis Drive to Route 722 (1.9 miles). Completion, May 2006. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=57>)

Springfield Interchange Phases 6 and 7, the final phases of the project are underway. The project remains on schedule. For lane closures, maps, photos and commuter options please visit [springfieldinterchange.com](http://www.springfieldinterchange.com) (<http://www.springfieldinterchange.com/>)

Telegraph Road Construction of three retaining walls between Newington Road and Beulah Street to correct a landslide. Trail and landscaping also will be replaced. Completion, Dec. 2004.

West Ox Road Widen from two to four lanes from Ox Trail to Lawyers Road (1.1 mile). Construction began April 20, 2004. Completion, September 2006.

Woodrow Wilson Bridge (Va. projects) For construction progress and weekly lane closures visit the project web site. (<http://www.wilsonbridge.com/>)

Fairfax and Arlington County Projects Completed Since 2001

Beulah Street Widening from two to four lanes between Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Franconia Road (1.3 miles). Completed July 1, 2004. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=51>)

Burke Centre Parkway Widened from two to four lanes between Marshall Pond Road and Burke Lake Road. Improvements included dedicated left and right turn lanes, sidewalks and a multipurpose trail for pedestrians and bicyclists, a new drainage system and signal improvements to help traffic flow. Completed Nov. 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-burke-ctr-pkwy.asp>)

Columbia Pike Bridge over Four Mile Run Replaced original bridge, widened sidewalk on south side of bridge, replaced and repaired drainage systems and constructed approach slabs. Completed winter 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/arlington-columbiapikebridge.asp>)

Dulles Toll Road at Spring Hill Road Expanded toll plaza at the westbound Spring Hill Road entrance from one lane to three. Smart Tag can be used in all three lanes. Completed Dec. 2003. (http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-dulles_plaza.asp)

Fairfax County Parkway Completion of the northern section of the Fairfax County Parkway gives motorists a continuous four and six-lane highway from Route 7 in Dranesville to Beulah Street in Kingstowne. Completed Nov. 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-ctyparkway.asp>)

Interstate 495 Erect a sound wall, 2,089 feet in length, on the inner loop of the Capital Beltway just north of Old Dominion Drive at West Langley. Completed May 2004.

Lorton Road Park-and-Ride Constructed a new 170-space lot located just east of I-95. Completed Oct. 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-lortonrd-parkride.asp>)

Old Dominion Drive Bridge The 50-year-old bridge over Pimmit Run Creek on Old Dominion Drive in McLean has been improved and is open to motorists. Completed Oct. 2002. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-olddom.asp>)

Rolling and Fullerton Roads The intersection was realigned and turn lanes were added. Motorists can now use

Fullerton Road through the Industrial Park. Completed Nov. 2003. (http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-Rolling_FullertonRd.asp)

Route 28/Air and Space Museum Parkway Partial cloverleaf to provide access to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Interchange opened prior to the opening of the Museum in Dec. 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-barnesfield.asp>)

Route 28/Route 29 Interchange Construction of a grade-separated interchange in Centreville is now complete. Route 28 traffic flows uninterrupted under Route 29 and both roads have six through lanes and additional turn lanes. Completed Dec. 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-rt2829.asp>)

Route 123 Widening Phase 1 Widened Route 123 to four lanes divided from Burke Lake Road to Lee Chapel Road (2.4 miles). Opened summer 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-rt123widening.asp>)

Route 123 Widening Phase 2 Widening Route 123 to four lanes divided from Lee Chapel Road to North Davis Drive (2.5 miles). Opened to traffic April 30, 2004. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=56>)

Route 233 (Reagan National Airport) Crews completed bridge deck repairs and concrete overlay. Completed in Dec. 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/arlington-rt233-bridge.asp>)

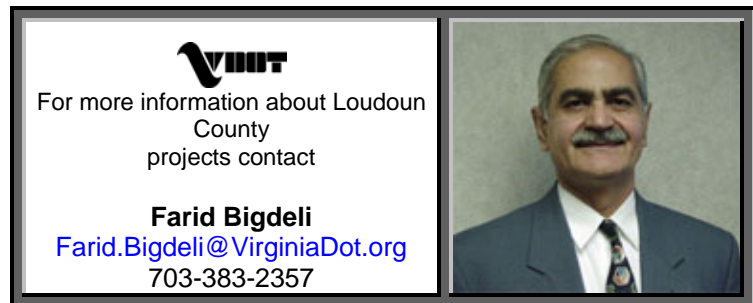
Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Site and support work for construction of the new Museum south of Dulles International Airport. Included completing service roads, haul roads, taxi pad, utilities and visitor and bus parking lots. Completed Sep. 2003. (<http://www.nasm.si.edu/nasm/ext/>)

Springfield Interchange Improvement Project Phases 2 and 3, which focused on improvements to I-95, Route 644 and other local roads in Springfield, were completed in late 2001. (<http://www.springfieldinterchange.com/>)

Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride Constructed a 387-space lot adjacent to the I-66 HOV Lanes. Completed late 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-stringfellowp-r.asp>)

Telegraph Road Widening Widened from two lanes to four lanes with a 16-foot median and two four-foot bicycle lanes from Beulah Street to Route 1 (2.5 miles). Completed March 2002. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-telegraph.asp>)

Van Dorn Street Safety Improvements New sidewalks, curb and gutter, roadway lighting, business entrances and a raised, landscaped concrete median were added. Completed July 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-vandorn-safety.asp>)



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Claude Moore Park (Route 1006) Improve existing north entrance by adding southbound left and northbound right turn lanes at the intersection with Route 637 opposite Maries Road. Ad date: May 2005.

Maryland Avenue (Route 708) Upgrade from gravel to paved road from Route 709 to Route 1102 (.22 mile) using Rural Rustic Road design standards. Ad date: July 2004.

Milton Court (Route 836) Improve ditch drainage from Route 817 to end of State maintenance (.11 mile) Bids rejected in Feb. 2004; to be readvertised.

Rodgers Street (Route 1103) Upgrade from gravel to paved road from Route 7 to Route 1105 (.13 mile) using Rural Rustic Road design standards. Ad date: July 2004.

Stumptown Road (Route 662) Install drainage pipe across Route 662, just west of Route 15. Ad date: Oct. 2004.

West Virginia Avenue (Route 1105) Upgrade from gravel to paved road from Route 1102 to Route 1103 (.11 mile) using Rural Rustic Road design standards. Ad date: July 2004.

Loudoun County Projects Under Construction

Belmont Ridge Road Extend right turn lane at Route 7. Began May 2004; opened Aug. 2004.

Potomac View Road (Route 637) Improve 1200 feet of roadway to provide 12-foot lanes and construct right and left turn lanes at the entrance to First Baptist Church. Construction begins June 2004.

Route 28 Improvements Under the Public-Private Partnership Act, The Clark Construction Group, Inc. and Shirley Contracting Company, LLC are designing and constructing six high-capacity interchanges on Route 28 in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Completion, May 2007. (<http://www.28freeway.com/>)

Shelburne Glebe Road (Route 729) Replace temporary bridge with permanent bridge over North Fork Goose Creek located .66 miles north of North Fork Road (Route 728). Bridge reopened Aug. 1, 2004. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=66>)

Ticonderoga Road (Route 613) Improve and realign intersection at Route 659. Re-advertised in May 2004. Construction began July 2004.

Loudoun County Projects Completed Since 2001

Dulles North Transit Center Park-and-Ride A 750-space commuter lot has been constructed at the Dulles Greenway and Route 606. Completed summer 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt606p-r.asp>)

Featherbed Road Rehabilitation and deck replacement on truss span bridge located between Loyalty Road and Milltown Road.

Lime Kiln Road Upgraded from gravel to asphalt and realigned roadway to improve sight distance (2.1 miles). Completed summer 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-limekiln.asp>)

Loudoun Orchard Road (Route 662) Upgrade dirt road to a paved road from intersection of Mt. Gilead Road (Route 797) to 0.38 miles South of Route 729 (1.3 miles). This is a pilot project under VDOT's new Rural Rustic Road Program.

Old Ox Road (Route 606) Widened from two to four lanes between Route 50 and Evergreen Mills Road/ Route 621 (.81 miles) and improved drainage. A traffic signal was installed at Route 621. Completed Nov. 2003.

Red Bud Lane (Route 1505) Upgraded from a dirt road to a paved road from Route 1504 to one mile south of Route 1504. Completed fall 2003.

Route 7 Crews added an additional lane in each direction between Cedar Drive and Dranesville Road. Completed summer 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt7.asp>)

Route 15 Safety improvements between Balls Bluff Road and White's Ferry Road (1.7 miles). Completed May 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt15-ballsbluff-whitesferry.asp>)

Route 28 Crews widened Route 28 and added two dedicated left-turn lanes onto Route 606 in Loudoun County. Completed spring 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt28.asp>)

Route 50 Bridge at Aldie Repair work is complete for the 180-year-old stone arch bridge on Route 50 over Little River near the Aldie Mill. Completed Oct. 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-aldie.asp>)

Route 287 VDOT crews eliminated the curve on Berlin Road to improve sight distance for motorists approaching the intersection. Completed summer 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt287.asp>)

South Church Street A half-mile section of South Church Street between Lovettsville Road and Berlin Turnpike was widened to improve safety. Completed Nov. 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-sthchurch.asp>)

Taylorstown Road Upgraded from a gravel road to a paved road between Furnace Mountain Road and Wilt Store Road. Completed July 2002. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-taylorstown.asp>)

Woodburn Road VDOT upgraded Woodburn Road from gravel to asphalt, realigned sections to improve sight distance and added drainage and other safety features. Completed June 2002. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-woodburn.asp>)



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I-66/Route 29 Interchange (Phase I) Construct four-lane East-West Connector road over I-66 from Route 29 at the Conway Robinson State Park entrance to Wellington Road. Begins late 2004.

Linton Hall Road (Route 619) Widen to six lanes from Route 29 to Glenkirk Road and widen to four lanes from Glenkirk Road to Devlin Road. Begins late 2004.

Route 234 (Dumfries Road) Widen from two to four lanes between Eclipse Drive and Country Club Drive (3.3 miles). Begins spring 2005

Prince William County Projects Under Construction

I-66 Widening Add one regular lane and one HOV lane in each direction from Route 234 Business to the Route 234 Bypass (3 miles). Construction began Aug. 2004.

Richmond Avenue Widening from Dumfries Road to Nagel Street (.75 miles). One lane will be added in each direction along with a sidewalk on the south side and a paved bike trail on the north side. Completion, July 2005.

Route 123 Bridge Over Occoquan River Replace two-lane bridge with a new six-lane bridge and widen approaches. Completion, May 2006. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=58>)

Route 234 (Dumfries Road) Widen from two to four lanes between Snowfall Road and Eclipse Drive (3.2 miles). Construction began March 2004 and will be completed July 2006.
(<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=72>)

Prince William County Projects Completed Since 2001

Horner Road Park-and-Ride Lot Expansion Completed the largest commuter lot in Virginia, with 2,267 spaces added by VDOT and the county. Completed July 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-horner-ParkRide.asp>)

I-95 Bridge over Route 619 The 36-year-old north and southbound bridges over Route 619 were replaced with new bridges and shoulders wide enough to accommodate future travel lanes. Completed Nov. 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95rt619.asp>)

I-95 Bridges over Quantico Creek The 40-year-old north and southbound bridges over Quantico Creek were reconstructed with new bridge piers and widened shoulders. The bridges are wide enough to accommodate future travel lanes. Completed fall 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95quantico.asp>)

I-95/Route 234 Interchange The former diamond interchange is now a partial cloverleaf with loops in the northeast and southwest quadrants. The Route 234 bridge over I-95 has been widened and the acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-95 were lengthened. Completed April 2002. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95rt234.asp>)

Ingram Drive Paved gravel road from 75 feet north of Chestnut Creek to Logmill Road (.77 miles). Completed late 2003.

Route 29/234 Intersection Safety Improvements Safety Improvements in the Manassas National Battlefield Park included adding left-turn lanes to each leg of the intersection, improving sight distance on Route 234, installing a pedestrian bridge, a crosswalk, traffic signals and re-timing traffic signals. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt29-rt234-safety.asp>)

Route 234 Bypass Construction of a 10-mile, four-lane bypass west of Manassas is complete. The bypass runs from I-66 to Brentsville Road where it connects with existing Route 234. Completed Dec. 2001. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt234byp.asp>)

Route 234 Bypass Constructed sound wall adjacent to the Great Oaks Subdivision. Completed fall 2003.

Route 234 Widening Route 234 was widened from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided highway. Completed Sept. 2002. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt234wide.asp>)

Route 234/Route 1 Park-and-Ride Constructed a 360-space lot near Route I-95.

Smoketown Road Constructed northbound left turn lane at Old Bridge Road. Construction began March 1, 2004, four months ahead of schedule. Completed spring 2004.

Veteran's Memorial Park Constructed a pedestrian bridge over the CSX Railroad from Veterans Memorial Park to Partridge Road. Completed Oct. 24, 2003.

Major Transportation Studies

[Tri-County Parkway Location Study](#)

[Fall 2003 Newsletter](#)

VDOT is evaluating a new north/south transportation link to connect the City of Manassas with I-66 and the Dulles Corridor. More than 200 citizens attended information meetings held in Loudoun, Prince William and Fairfax counties during December 2002. The study team shared preliminary alternatives and sought public input. The study team is currently reviewing the initial range of conceptual alternatives to determine build alternatives for the Draft EIS which will be completed by fall 2004, with public hearings in early 2005.

[Capital Beltway Study](#)

[June 2004 meetings](#)

In March 2002, the FHWA approved the Draft EIS for improvements to the 14-mile section between the Springfield Interchange and the American Legion Bridge. More than 1,000 citizens attended the public hearings held on May 28, 29 and 30, 2002. Currently, VDOT is evaluating modifications that would reduce the size of the facility and the concept of implementing HOT lanes (high occupancy toll lanes) on the Beltway. Results of these additional evaluations were presented at public workshops June 29 and 30, 2004. VDOT will make a recommendation on the Capital Beltway Study to the CTB in early 2005.

[I-66 Multimodal Transportation and Environmental Study](#)

[Summer 2003 Newsletter](#)

VDOT and the DRPT are identifying possible highway, rail and bus improvements along the 24-mile corridor from the Capital Beltway to Route 15 at Haymarket.

[Northern Virginia Bikeway and Trail Network Study](#)

[November 2003 Report](#)

In October 2003, VDOT held meetings in Reston, Arlington and Manassas on an interconnected and seamless network of bikeways across Northern Virginia. The report, now Completed will serve as a planning tool to complete the network.

[Route 1 Location Study](#)

[February 2003 Newsletter](#)

VDOT has developed concepts for improving the 27-mile corridor from the Stafford County line to the Capital Beltway. Due to the length of the corridor the study is divided into three sections. Three location hearings were held in spring 2003. The Steering Committee met March 16, 2004. The Committee favored six lanes with transit between Mt. Vernon Highway and the Capital Beltway, with the transit mode yet to be determined. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors endorsed the at-grade intersection configuration recommended by the Kings Crossing Focus Group for Rt. 1 at North and South Kings Highways. The project "B" Build was approved by the CTB on April 15, 2004. The Project "A" alternative was approved by the CTB on July 15, 2004.

[Route 50 Traffic Calming Project](#)

VDOT and the Route 50 Traffic Calming Task Force are developing construction plans that will implement concepts to calm traffic, enhance the scenic beauty and historic nature of the area and provide for enhanced pedestrian safety and accessibility along the corridor. The first projects to be constructed are in the villages of Upperville and Aldie. In June, a community meeting was held in Aldie that resulted in a new concept, a long splitter, to replace the previously approved alignment shift. This design will have less impacts on the adjacent properties and the historic district. The community and Route 50 Task Force approved this alternative design. Design and land acquisition for Gilberts Corner is proceeding, and the design of the segment west of Middleburg is underway. Accrual of funds for the remaining segment is on-going.

Non-VDOT Studies:

Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit

(<http://www.dullestransit.com/>)

In August 2003, the DRPT submitted a formal request to the Federal Transit Administration to begin preliminary engineering on Phase I of the Metrorail extension. This request is currently pending. The Supplemental Draft EIS and revised General Plans, which address changes to the project associated with phased construction, were published in late October 2003. Public hearings on the Supplemental Draft EIS were held December 3rd in Reston and December 11th in Loudoun County. A public hearing report and team recommendations were published in February 2004. On March 16, 2004 the CTB approved revised LPA and DRPT's plan to construct the project in two phases: Phase 1 to Wiehle Avenue and Phase 2 to Dulles Airport and Rt. 722 in Loudoun County. The METRO Board approved the revised LPA on April 15, 2004. The Federal Transit Administration approved DRPT's request to begin preliminary engineering on Phase 1 of the Metrorail extension in June 2004 and awarded a \$59 million grant to begin preliminary engineering. Preliminary Engineering and related project development activities will be conducted by Dulles Transit Partners, LLC under the terms of a Public-Private Partnership Act (PPTA) Comprehensive Agreement approved by DRPT in June 2004. A new project office in Tysons Corner opened Aug. 2004. Work on the Project's Final EIS is underway; publication expected in fall 2004. The FY 2004 Federal Transportation Bill includes \$20 million for the project, a total of \$163.5 to date in Federal funding.

Capital Beltway Rail Feasibility Study

(<http://www.drpt.state.va.us/projects/previous/bwr.asp>)

Study completed in April 2001 by the Virginia DRPT.

Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass Study

(<http://www.battlefieldbypass.com>)

The Federal Highway Administration and National Park Service are developing and evaluating alternatives to allow for closing portions of Route 29 and 234 in the Park. A public workshop was held on March 16 at Stonewall Jackson High School to present the Candidate Build Alternatives. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared and a formal public hearing is scheduled for the summer of 2004. Information on the alternatives is available on the website.

Alphabet Soup ...

CTB	Commonwealth Transportation Board
DRPT	Department of Rail and Public Transit
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
LPA	Locally Preferred Alternative
WMATA	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority